



SF 199 – Alzheimer's Disease Response Strategy (LSB 2080XS)

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Description

Senate File 199 directs the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop and administer, and provide for state-level coordination of, a comprehensive Alzheimer's disease response strategy. The DPH is directed to include development and monitoring of short-term and long-term objectives, action steps to ensure that individuals have access to high-quality care at all stages of the disease and in all settings across the service and supports continuum, and include prioritization of objectives and action steps to most efficiently utilize resources and funding. In addition, the Department is directed to integrate public and private resources and programs, reduce duplication, conduct evidence-based evaluations, and promote public awareness. The department is directed to update the initial response strategy biennially and submit a progress report annually in January to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Further, the DPH is directed to establish an Alzheimer's disease coordinator position to perform duties that include:

- Increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease, conduct monitoring of its prevalence in Iowa through data collection and coordination efforts, and secure public and private funding relating to dementia to fulfill duties required by this Bill.
- Evaluate, and promote the improved effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of, clinical and population-based Alzheimer's services (including rural and underserved areas of the state).
- Coordinate existing state efforts to develop and implement training requirements for Alzheimer's disease providers and act as a liaison to the aging and disabilities resource centers, area agencies on aging, and Alzheimer's stakeholder groups.

Finally, the DPH is directed to convene a multidisciplinary advisory council to assist and advise the Department and the coordinator; develop partnerships to provide coordination, collaboration, and support for Alzheimer's-related services and programs throughout the state; and advocate on behalf of persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

Background

"Alzheimer's disease" or "Alzheimer's" is a progressive, degenerative, and fatal disorder that results in loss of memory, loss of thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes. Symptoms include dementia, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, frontotemporal dementia, Crutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, and mixed dementia. According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 69,000 Iowan's were living with Alzheimer's disease in 2010 and that number is anticipated to increase by 2,000, or 9.0%, by 2020.

[House File 390](#), enacted in 2011, established the Alzheimer's Workgroup and directed the Workgroup to design a strategy to respond to the needs of Iowans with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The Workgroup was tasked with developing action steps, a timeline for implementation, and identification of roles and responsibilities of participating entities.

Recommendations were to include:

- A proposed centralized location for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia information and coordination within state government.
- An outline of a public-private partnership that would most efficiently and effectively implement the response strategy and provide continuing collaboration.
- Ongoing data collection needs and funding to support the response strategy.

[Senate File 199](#) includes many of the recommendations requested by the Workgroup's [report](#) that was submitted to the General Assembly on November 15, 2011.

Assumptions

- A specific organizational unit with two FTE positions will be established within the DPH to support and fund Alzheimer's disease-related activities in the state and the multidisciplinary advisory council.
- The DPH will contract for outside services to assist with the development of public awareness and education extensions.
- There will be three advisory council meetings in FY 2014 and four meetings in FY 2015.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated costs to the General Fund are \$139,719 in FY 2014 and \$148,073 in FY 2015 and are summarized in the table below:

Estimated General Fund Impact of SF 199

	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
Salaries and Support		
Coordinator Executive Officer 2	\$71,575	\$75,154
Program Planner 1	\$48,644	\$50,919
Advisory Council		
Advisory council support	\$5,750	\$6,750
Meeting expenses	\$1,500	\$2,000
Outside Services		
Outside awareness contracting	\$12,250	\$13,250
Total	<u><u>\$139,719</u></u>	<u><u>\$148,073</u></u>

Sources

Department of Public Health
The Alzheimer's Association

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
